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Youth & the Community

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Optimist Club of Birmingham

The Flagship Club of the
Alabama-Mississippi District
January 2022

Meets 2nd Thursday
On Zoom
1:00 PM

Jan. 13th Club Meeting Scheduled on Zoom at 1 pm

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Tracy Hipps, Executive Director of Christian Service Missions (CSM), who has worked in community development work for over 40 years in Birmingham. Rev. Hipps attended Southeastern Bible College and has served in four churches or nonprofits in Birmingham. He came to CSM in 2010 and has been the Executive Director for 11 years. In the 11 years, CSM has rehabbed or built over 120 homes, raised 7 gardens in the city, and served through over 14 disasters in the US, distributing over 25 million dollars in resources. Since March 2020, CSM has served over 200,000 families with food and facilitated over 250 outreach events for our city to serve those in need.

December 8th Christmas Luncheon

Christmas Luncheon Committee members, **Teresa Jones**, **Carolyn McCoy**, and **Sharon Wilson** did an excellent job of organizing the annual event which was held at The City Club this year! Club members and guests were pleased to welcome guest speakers, **Kelly Peoples**, Executive Director of ***Down Syndrome Alabama**, and **Robin King**, Resource Development Liaison with Jefferson County Department of Human Resources.

In addition to the outstanding entertainment provided by saxophonist ***Willie Jazzanova Davis**, better known as Willie Lamar Davis, along with a delicious buffet meal, the event also featured the presentation of gift cards to benefit 25 foster youth, ages 19-21, served through the Independent Living Program with Jefferson County DHR. The Club sends our gratitude to **The Caring Foundation of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama**, whose generous contribution helped to make this gift possible! The Club has been providing Christmas gift cards for foster youth through our **Kards for Kids Christmas Campaign** since 2006!

*For more info visit www.downsyndromealabama.org

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MEMBER NEWS

January Birthdays: 8th – Leon Evans, 22nd – Kenny Haynes, 26th – Ruby Peterson, 29th – Ron Taylor.
Anniversaries: 28th – Sri & Dr. Sudha Gutti

For more information or questions re: Membership, please contact Membership Chair Leon Evans at levansjr74@aol.com or 205-836-6057.

Please message Nancy Ryan at nryan95@charter.net with your birthday and/or anniversary information if it is not included on the list.



Carolyn McCoy & Teresa Jones present Marcella Roberts & Kelly Peoples with a contribution for Down Syndrome Alabama on behalf of the Club's Youth Foundation



Robin King



Willie "Jazzanova" Davis



Carolyn McCoy & Leon Evans



Rudy & Anita Lee



Glenn & Ruby Peterson



Michael & Teresa Jones



Danella Johnson, Kendra Johnson, Anita Lee, Jacqueline Holder & Adrienne Pearson



Teresa Jones, Danella Johnson, Anita Lee, Jacqueline Holder, Angene Coleman, Ponzella Fuller & Kendra Johnson



Don & Debbie Kirkland



Roger Vaughan, Steve Wingo & Jon Ryan



Ron & Judy Taylor



**Marcella Roberts, Teresa Jones,
Ponzella Fuller & Anita Lee**



**Carolyn McCoy, Leon Evans,
Ken Foreman & Herb Forsythe**



Linda DeMarco, Don & Debbie Kirkland



Judge Patricia Stephens



Angene & Jerry Coleman



Glenn & Ruby Peterson with Willie "Jazzanova" Davis



Willie entertaining the crowd!



Danella Johnson & Adrienne Pearson



**Kelly Driver and Angene Coleman,
with guests, Carla Morton & Lee Adams**



**Norma Stewart (Birmingham-West End)
& Carolyn McCoy. Also attending from
Birmingham-West End was Gloria Vail
(pictured in background below.)**



Willie "Jazzanova" Davis



Anita Lee & Ponzella Fuller



Jon & Nancy Ryan